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SUBJECT: FRG NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORTH VIET NAM ON  
POSSIBLE RECOGNITION

1. AT DECEMBER 19 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (KASTRUP) BRIEFED ALLIES ON JUST CONCLUDED THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAMESE AND WEST GERMANS ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. KASTRUP EMPHASIZED BOTH AT BEGINNING AND END OF HIS PRESENTATION THAT ALLIED CAPITALS HAD BEEN INFORMED OF FACT THAT TALKS TAKING PLACE. KASTRUP SAID HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE THIRD ROUND AND WAS RAISING IT AS A POINT OF INFORMATION IN BONN GROUP BECAUSE BERLIN HAD BECOME THE FOCAL POINT OF TALKS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, DISCUSSION IN PARIS CENTERED ON TWO DRAFT LETTERS TO BE EXCHANGED BY BONN AND HANOI, DEALING WITH (A) EXTENSION OF CONSULAR SERVICES TO WEST BERLIN  
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AND (B) FEDERAL GERMAN PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION

TO THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT. (KASTRUP NOTED THAT STRONG PRECEDENT ALREADY SET BY EXCHANGE OF SIMILAR LETTERS WITH OTHER SOCIALIST STATES I.E. CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, BULGARIA AND MONGOLIA, IN CONNECTION WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.)

3. NORTH VIETNAM HAD REFUSED IN FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS TO DISCUSS BERLIN QUESTIONS, ASSERTING THAT BERLIN IS NOT CONSTITUENT PART OF FRG AND THEREFORE NOT RELEVANT TO TALKS. AT THIRD ROUND NORTH VIETNAMESE AGREED TO DISCUSSION OF BERLIN ASPECTS ON CONDITION THAT FRG WILL "DISCUSS" PROBLEMS ARISING FROM PARIS AGREEMENTS ON VIET NAM. ACCORDING TO KASTRUP, NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE NOT SPECIFIC ON THIS. GERMANS HAVE IMPRESSION THEY WANT STATEMENT FROM FRG RELATING TO STATUS OF PRG.

4. BONN IS NOT SURE HOW IT WILL PROCEED, BUT FELT IT IMPORTANT TO INFORM ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS OF CURRENT STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO BERLIN. KASTRUP REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION BE KEPT IN CONFIDENCE AS FACT TALKS TAKING PLACE IS NOT YET PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IN FRG. NEXT ROUND SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 5 IN PARIS. HEADS OF DELEGATION ARE RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS THERE. CASH

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